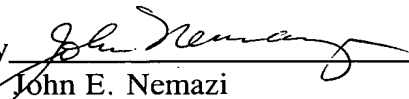


**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to put them in U.S. format. Multiple dependent claims have been eliminated so that each dependent claim now depends from a single claim. The application is believed to be in condition for examination. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any errors of a clerical nature is noted so that the matter can be promptly addressed.

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